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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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90th plenary meeting

Reports of the Second Committee

The Rapporteur of the Second Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 95 to 107 and 12.

Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/56/558) [95]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 95 (A/56/558).

(a) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/558/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/56/558/Add.1) (resolution 56/178).

By 100 to 1, with 46 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/56/558/Add.1) (resolution 56/179).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/56/558/Add.1) (resolution 56/180).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 95.

(b) International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/558/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/558/Add.2) (resolution 56/181).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 95.

(c) Science and technology for development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/558/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/56/558/Add.3) (resolutions 56/182 and 56/183).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 95.

(d) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/558/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/558/Add.4) (resolution 56/184).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 95.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 95 as a whole.

Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/56/559) [96]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/56/559) (resolutions 56/185, 56/186 and 56/187).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 96.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: reports of the Second Committee (A/56/560 and Add.5) [97]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 97 (A/56/560).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/56/560/Add.5).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 97.

(a) Women in development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/560/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/560/Add.1) (resolution 56/188).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 97.

(b) Human resources development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/560/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/560/Add.2) (resolution 56/189).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 97.

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (A/56/560/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/560/Add.3) (resolution 56/190).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/560/Add.3).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 97.

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade: report of the Second Committee (A/56/560/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/560/Add.4) (resolution 56/191).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 97.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 as a whole.

Environment and sustainable development: reports of the Second Committee (A/56/561 and Add.8) [98]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 98 (A/56/561).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/56/561/Add.8) (resolutions 56/192 and 56/193).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/56/561/Add.8).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 98.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.1)

Members were informed that action on the draft resolution was postponed to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/561/Add.1).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 98.

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction: report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/561/Add.2) (resolutions 56/194 and 56/195).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 98.

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/56/561/Add.3) (resolution 56/196).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 98.

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/561/Add.4) (resolution 56/197).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 98.

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/561/Add.5) (resolution 56/198).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 98.

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.6)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/56/561/Add.6) (resolution 56/199).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 98.

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005: report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.7)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/561/Add.7) (resolution 56/200).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 98.

Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/562) [99]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/562).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 99.

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/56/562/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/562/Add.1) (resolution 56/201).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 99.

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries: report of the Second Committee (A/56/562/ Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/562/Add.2) (resolution 56/202).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/56/562/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 99.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 as a whole.

International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues: report of the Second Committee (A/56/563) [100]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/56/563) (resolution 56/203).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 100.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/56/564) [101]

By 148 to 4, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/564) (resolution 56/204).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 101.

Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic: report of the Second Committee (A/56/565) [102]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/56/565) (resolutions 56/205 and 56/206).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 102.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006): report of the Second Committee (A/56/566) [103]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/566) (resolution 56/207).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 103.

Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/56/567) [104]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/567) (resolution 56/208).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 104.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/56/568) [105]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/56/568) (resolution 56/209).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 105.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/56/569) [106]

Members were informed that action on the draft resolution was postponed to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/56/569).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 106.

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development: report of the Second Committee (A/56/570) [107]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/56/570) (resolution 56/210).

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/56/570).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/56/571) [12]

Members were informed that action on draft decision I was postponed to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/56/571) (resolutions 56/211, 56/212 and 56/213).

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions II and III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 24 of its report (A/56/571).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Multilingualism [32]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/656)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.44/Rev.1)

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Japan, the United States, Papua New Guinea, Spain, Singapore, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Kuwait, the Russian Federation, Gabon, Germany, South Africa, the Philippines, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Nepal.

Members were informed that, at the request of the co-sponsors, action on draft resolution A/56/L.44/Rev.1 was postponed.

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Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/722) [134 (b)]

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the report of the Committee on sub-item (b) of agenda item 134.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the report of the Fifth Committee which was before the Assembly.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 68 to 2, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4, and 13. By 123 to 2, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft resolution as a whole (resolution 56/214).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Statements in the exercise of right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 134.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/56/L.65) [40]

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.65.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Turkey, Malaysia, the United States, Yugoslavia, Ukraine and Croatia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.65 (resolution 56/215).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 40.

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [52]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 52.

Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [53]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 53.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [54]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 54.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [55]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55.

Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 56.

Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [57]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 57.

Strengthening of the United Nations system; revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: letter from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya [59 and 60]

In order to correct paragraph 11 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to include the item entitled "Elimination of coercive measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session and to continue to consider the item at odd-numbered sessions.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 59 and 60.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [21 (i)]

(a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.66)

(b) Amendment (A/56/L.67)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 21.

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.66.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment to draft resolution A/56/L.66 contained in document A/56/L.67.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution A/56/L.66 and the amendment thereto contained in document A/56/L.67.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Armenia.

In accordance with rule 90 of rules of procedure, the amendment was voted on first.

By 34 to 1, with 85 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the amendment contained in document A/56/L.67.

By 123 to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.66 as amended (resolution 56/216).

The representative of Egypt made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub item (i) of agenda item 21 and of agenda item 21 as a whole.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/56/L.64) [20]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.64.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.64 (resolution 56/217).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20.

Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: draft resolution (A/56/L.61) [22]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 22.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of African States) made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/56/L.61.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.61 as orally revised (resolution 56/218).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 22.

Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/56/L.63/Rev.1) [38]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 38.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.63/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.63/Rev.1 (resolution 56/219).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of China, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba and Egypt.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 38.

Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 43]

(a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.62)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/725)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 20 together with agenda item 43.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.62 (Parts A and B) (resolution 56/220 A and B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 20.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Postponement of date of recess

The President recalled that, at its 70th plenary meeting on 30 November 2001, the General Assembly had decided to postpone its date of recess for the current session from 11 December 2001 to 21 December 2001.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided to hold another plenary meeting upon the conclusion of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-sixth session on Monday, 24 December, at 11 a.m., to take action on remaining draft resolutions and consider the reports of the Fifth Committee.

Monday, 24 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

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Credentials of representatives to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly: report of the Credential-s Committee (A/56/724) [3]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/724) (resolution 56/221).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on Children [26]

(a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.7)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/743)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.7 (resolution 56/222).

In connection with the special session of the General Assembly on Children, the Assembly was informed that the children's forum would be held on Monday and Tuesday, 6 and 7 May 2002.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 26.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]

(a) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.42/Rev.1, A/56/L.45/Rev.1)

(b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/56/749, A/56/750)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/56/L.42/Rev.1 and L.45/Rev.1 (resolutions 56/223, 56/224).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Report of the First Committee

General and complete disarmament [74]

(a) Report of the First Committee (A/56/536, para. 73, draft resolution 56/24 V)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/740)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 74.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution U recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 73 of its report (A/56/740) (resolution 56/24 V).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

Reports of the Special and Political Committee (the Fourth Committee)

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [89]

(a) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/572/Add.1)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (/56753)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/572/Add.1) (resolution 56/225).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 89.

Questions relating to information [90]

(a) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/552, para. 10, draft resolution B)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/744)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 90.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution B recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/552) (resolution 56/64B)

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) that were before it.

Reports of the Second Committee

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [98 (a)]

(a) Report of the Second Committee (A/56/561/Add.1, para.10, draft resolution)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/751)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 98.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/561/Add.1) (resolution 56/226).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 98.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106]

(a) Report of the Second Committee (A/56/569, para. 12, draft resolution)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/752)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 106.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/56/569) (resolution 56/227).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 106.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

(a) Report of the Second Committee (A/56/571, para. 24, draft decision I)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/747)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 12.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision I recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 24 of its report (A/56/571).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee that were before it.

Reports of the Third Committee

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/56/573, para. 17, draft resolution II)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/741)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 109.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/56/573) (resolution 56/228).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 109.

Advancement of women [112]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/56/576, para. 36, draft resolution VII)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/742)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 112.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution VII recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 36 of its report (A/56/576) (resolution 56/229).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

(a) Report of the Third Committee(A/56/583/Add.2, para. 109, draft resolution XXIV)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/746)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 119.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution XXIV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 109 of its report (A/56/583/Add.2) (resolution 56/230).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 119.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/56/583/Add.3, para. 48, draft resolution III)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/748)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 119.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 48 of its report (A/56/583/Add.3) (resolution 56/231).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 119.

Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/56/582, para. 17, draft resolution I)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/745)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 118.

By 77 to 20, with 20 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/56/582) (resolution 56/232).

The Assembly decided conclude its consideration of agenda item 118.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee that were before it.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 12, 120, 121, 121 and 128, 121 and 130, 122, 122 and 133, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 132, 136, 137, 141 and 158.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/651) [120]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/651) (resolution 56/233).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 120

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/734) [121]

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/734).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 121.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/652) [121 and 128]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/652) (resolutions 56/234, 56/235).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 121 and 128.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/727) [121 and 130]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/727).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 121 and 130.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/56/653, A/56/735) [122]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/56/653) (resolutions 56/236, 56/237, 56/238, 56/239).

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/735) (resolution 56/240).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 122.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001; administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/738) [122 and 133]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/56/738) (resolution 56/241).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 122 and 133.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/737) [124]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/737) (resolution 56/242).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 124.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/728) [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/728) (resolution 56/243).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 125.

Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/654) [126]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decisions I to III recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/654).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 126.

United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/729) [127]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/729) (resolution 56/244).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 127.

Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/655) [128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/655) (resolution 56/245).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 128.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/739) [130]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/739) (resolution 56/246).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/730) [131]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/730) (resolution 56/247).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/731) [132]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/731) (resolution 56/248).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/715) [136]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/715) (resolution 56/249).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 136.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/714) [137]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/714) (resolution 56/250).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/712) [141]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/712) (resolution 56/251).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/713) [158]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/713) (resolution 56/252).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 158.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/676) [12]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/56/676).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/736) [123]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 33 of its report (A/56/736) (resolutions 56/253, 56/254, 56/255, 56/256, 56/257).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided that the following agenda items remain for consideration during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly: agenda items 10 to 12, 17, 18, 20, 22 to 24, 26, 29, 32, 37, 40 to 44, 46, 47, 49, 58 to 63, 89, 96, 98, 102, 107, 109, 110, 112, 119 to 158, 166, 169 and 175.

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